GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA

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Replacement of Vessels
Mahajan Smt. Poonam

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to replace two existing coastal research vessels by the names of Sagar Purvi and Sagar Paschimi to further support oceanic survey and research;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the total funds required for acquisition and time frame by which the acquisition of vessels is expected to be completed; and

(c) whether the Government is facing shortage of funds to acquire coastal research vessels and if so, the action taken by the Government to complete the acquisition of the said vessels?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI. Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), an autonomous institute under Ministry of Earth Sciences has placed the order for "Design, Construction and Delivery of two Coastal Research Vessels" for a total contract value of Rs.99.729 Crores on M/s Titagarh Wagons Limited, Kolkata through a National open e-tender. The contract was signed between NIOT, Chennai and M/s Titagarh Wagons Limited, Kolkata on 17th February, 2017. The total fund sanctioned for acquisition of two Coastal Research Vessels is Rs. 132.955 Crores. As per Contract, the project completion period is 30 months for the first vessel and 36 months for the second vessel from the date of signing of contract.

(c) No, Madam. The total contract value for "Design, Construction and Delivery of two Coastal Research Vessels" is within the sanctioned budget.